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THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL APPEARED IN FIJI TIMES MORNING OF
JANUARY 17, 1978:

"THE HAPPY WARRIOR GOES HOME TO REST HUBERT HUMPHREY HAS
LOST HIS LAST BATTLE SHOWING THE SAME SORT OF SPIRIT HE SHOWED
THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE.

HE WAS A GOOD LOSER AND A GOOD AMERICAN.

HE WAS ALSO ONE OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE'S MOST ACTIVE
MEMBERS.

HE FOUGHT FOR AND PUSHED THROUGH DOZENS OF BILLS, MOST OF
THEM IN THE CAUSE OF SOCIETY'S UNDERDOGS.

HE WAS TIRELESS IN HIS EFFORTS TO HELP THOSE WHO WERE LEAST
ABLE TO HELP THEMSELVES.

IT IS THE PEOPLE WHO BENEFITTED MOST FROM HIS BILLS WHO
WILL MISS MOST HIS PRESENCE IN THE SENATE.

HIS GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS WERE IN THE AREA OF CIVIL RIGHTS,
AS A CHAMPION OF BLACK AMERICANS WHEN THEY REALLY NEEDED FRIENDS
IN HIGH PLACES.

HIS OTHER AREA OF SUCCESS WAS IN DISARMAMENT.

IT IS STRANGELY CONTRADICTORY THAT HIS GREATEST DEFEATS
CAME THROUGH HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION'S
POLICIES ON THE VIETNAM WAR.

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HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THE INFAMOUS WAR ALMOST ENDED HIS
POLITICAL CAREER, BUT IT IS A GREAT TRIBUTE TO HUBERT HUMPHREY
THE MAN THAT HE WAS ABLE TO MAKE A RESOUNDING COMEBACK.

HIS ULTIMATE GOAL, THE PRESIDENCY, CONTINUED TO ELUDE
HIM, BUT HE STAYED IN THERE FIGHTING, NOT TO THE BITTER END
BECAUSE HIS END WAS ANYTHING BUT BITTER.

THROUGHOUT HIS LONG POLITICAL CAREER, THROUGHOUT THE WAVERING

ELECTION SUPPORT AND CHANGES IN ATTITUDES, HE MANAGED TO KEEP HIS FRIENDS WITH TRUTH AND INTEGRITY ON BOTH SIDES OF THE FENCE.

HUMPHREY WAS A MAN UNTAINTED BY ANY WHIFF OF CORRUPTION, PEOPLE DISAGREED WITH HIM AND FIERCELY CRITICISED HIM, BUT NEVER LEVELLED THE SORT OF ACCUSATIONS AGAINST HIM WHICH STUCK TO OTHER POLITICIANS.

THERE ARE MANY OF MANY DIFFERENT POLITICAL COLOURS WHO REGRET THE PASSING OF THE "HAPPY WARRIOR." END QUOTE
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